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There are three good reasons for Stalin to alter Soviet policy in such a radical manner. The first is that Molotov's "get tough" policy could not be effected by means of the cold war. Instead, it could have led to a third world war which the USSR could not survive. The second is that the Kremlin's experts gave out faulty information on the attitude of the Balkan peoples, as was the case with Hitler when he attempted to invade the USSR. The third is that the USSR's internal conditions were not such that Stalin dared embark on an adventurous foreign policy.

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